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Office Action Summary

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BOEHM, GARTH

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 June 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 88-108 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 88-108 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SE/US)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 08192009
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Receipt is acknowledged of the request for continued examination filed 06/19/2009. An information disclosure statement was filed on 08/19/2009.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 88-92, 99-102 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Breder et al (US 2003/0157168)

Breder et al disclose an oral dosage form which comprises a sequestered opioid antagonist which is substantially not released when intact (see Abstract). Hydrophobic materials are disclosed for use in coating and sequestering the antagonists (see page 10, [0123]). In particular, cellulose polymers and acrylic polymers are set out at [0123]–[0127]. Other hydrophobic polymers suitable to coat the antagonist are listed at [0128].

Ph dependent or enteric coatings are disclosed at [0145] – [0157]. These include Eudragit polymers which have an ammonium content. Figure 2 shows that the applied coating substantially prevents release of the antagonist for up to 36 hrs. The reference discloses the same hydrophobic barrier polymers disclosed for the same art recognized purpose of sequestering antagonists, therefore the coating of the reference would inherently prevent release for the same 72 hrs as claimed herein, and is capable of preventing the same amount of that substance to be released. Capsules and tablets are set out as preferred embodiments at [0135]. Opioid agonists are listed at [0099 – 0101]. Opioid antagonists are listed at [0108 – 0110]. Naltrexone is found at [0110]. Beads coated with an opioid agonist, and opioid antagonist in non-releasable form are disclosed at [0164] and entail multiple subunits with releasable therapeutic with a coated (sequestered) antagonist in each. Subunits with either agonist or antagonist are set out at [0213]. A Hydrophilic core, with an aversive agent coating further coated with a hydrophobic agent is listed at [0166] – [0167]. The instant claims are anticipated by Breder et al.

Claims 88-108 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Oshlack et al (US 2003/0064099).

Oshlack et al disclose an oral dosage form which comprises a sequestered opioid irritants and bittering agents which are substantially not released when intact (see

Abstract). Hydrophobic materials are disclosed for use in coating and sequestering the antagonists. In particular, cellulose polymers and acrylic polymers are set out at [0605] –[0075]. Ph dependent or enteric coatings are disclosed at [0139] –[0141]. These include Eudragit polymers which have an ammonium content. Surfactants for use in the coatings are set out in [0174] and [0175] and includes sodium lauryl sulfate. The reference discloses the same hydrophobic barrier polymers disclosed for the same art recognized purpose of sequestering antagonists, therefore the coating of the reference would inherently prevent release for the same 72 hrs as claimed herein, and is capable of preventing the same amount of that substance to be released. Capsules and tablets are set out as preferred embodiments at [0077] - [0082]. Opioid agonists are listed at [0056 – 0063]. The aversive agents (irritants and bittering agents) are listed at [0044 – [0055]. Beads coated with an opioid agonist , and opioid antagonist in non-releasable form are disclosed at [0084] and entail multiple subunits with releasable therapeutic with a coated (sequestered) antagonist in each. Subunits with either agonist or antagonist are set out at this paragraph. A Hydrophilic core, with an aversive agent coating further coated with a hydrophobic agent is listed at [0086]. The instant claims are anticipated by Oshlack et al.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Carlos A. Azpuru whose telephone number is (571) 272-0588. The examiner can normally be reached on Tu-Fri, 6:30 am - 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Woodward can be reached on (571) 272-8373. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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